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Weekly Newsletter of Freeman High School



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Scottie Parents/Guardians/Families!

This week, through the start of March, marks registration season for the 26-27 school year. Our school counselor, Ms. Holm, started visiting with students in English classes this week and will continue over the next several weeks. Registration begins with course requests: students indicating what they are interested in taking; student requests then driving the building of a schedule that tries to satisfy as many student requests as possible. FHS registration is not a process by which the schedule is already created and by which students are placed in that schedule on a first come, first served basis; rather, FHS registration is data-gathering system to create the best scheduling possible which is finalized in late spring. We are also continuing to celebrate and recognize students in grades 9-12 who show noteworthy academic excellence or improvement, AND students who consistently demonstrate outstanding character traits that positively impact our school community. Students are nominated by FHS staff and selected by the Counseling and Administration team. For the month of January, I am proud of the following students for their academic work: senior Drew Greger, junior Garrett Peters, sophomore Jordyn Jonquet, and freshman Melaina Malone, AND I am proud of the following students for the way they consistently demonstrate fairness: senior Greta Van Gemert, junior Gracyn Key, sophomore Brady Bowen, and freshman James Mackleit. To close, I'd like to congratulate Micah Hodges and Marshall Patzlaff for their successes in the Regional SkillsUSA Welding competition. Both placed well in a very demanding competition – good job!

Go Dawgs!

Jeff Smith, Principal

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HOW OUR STAFF USED THE 2/2 LATE START TO STRENGTHEN STUDENT LEARNING

On February 4, 2026, our Freeman staff used the late start for focused Professional Learning Community collaboration centered on strengthening alignment, clarity, and student growth. Across departments, teachers worked to ensure clear expectations and a strong progression of skills from middle school through high school. ELA teams refined how students move from structured models of research and argument to deeper analysis and thoughtful response, while math teachers unpacked new standards and examined course sequencing to best support long-term success. Science and social studies teams collaborated on shared assessments, essential skills, and consistent scoring practices to ensure clarity across classrooms. A common theme throughout the morning was intentional alignment—making sure students build skills year after year with increasing independence and rigor. Another key focus was relevance, ownership, and belonging. CTE teachers explored ways for students to showcase their work through revenue-generating projects that highlight real-world skills and entrepreneurship. Teachers also discussed refining projects, integrating new tools such as AI to enhance instruction, and ensuring learning experiences remain engaging and meaningful. Paraeducators participated in training centered on student diversity and identity to strengthen a school-wide culture of respect and inclusion. Across all groups, the shared goal was clear: create supportive environments where every student feels valued, challenged, and prepared to succeed.

No School - Friday, March 6, 2026

Due to severe weather conditions, the Governor declared a state of emergency, which resulted in school closures on December 17, 2025. The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has approved the Freeman School District's Emergency Waiver Request for that day. As a result, **there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 6, 2026.** Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding. Please contact your school office if you have questions.

SPRING SPORTS BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS!

- Practices will begin on **March 2nd**. Please go in to [Final Forms](#) and double check that you have selected the Spring Sport which your student plans to play. In order for students to participate in practice, they must have a current sports physical on file (they are valid for 2 years) and all forms in Final Forms must be completed and signed by both parents and student.
- Plan to attend the Spring Sport Parent Meeting on **March 3rd** 5:30pm
- Spring Sport team photos will be held on Wednesday, **March 11th**, immediately after school.



FEBRUARY 16TH
NO SCHOOL - President's Day

FEBRUARY 19TH
School Board Mtg. 6pm PRTC

FEBRUARY 20TH
AM Activity Bell Schedule

FEBRUARY 27TH
AM Activity Bell Schedule

MARCH 2ND
Spring Sports Begin

MARCH 3RD
Spring Sport Parent Mtg. -
5:30pm

MARCH 6TH
NO SCHOOL

MARCH 9TH
NO SCHOOL - PD Day for
Teachers

MARCH 11TH
Spring Sport Team Photos 3pm



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COLLEGE CAREER
readiness



ACCEPTED TO SCC

A heartfelt thank you to Spokane Community College for helping 7 Freeman seniors take the next big step towards their futures!

With your support, these students are now on their way to pursuing their post-secondary goals for Fall 2026.



Great news! The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) is now open for applications for the 2026-27 cycle in Washington State. This scholarship helps students pursuing high-demand careers in STEM, health care and trades with financial support and career resources. **The application deadline is February 26, 2026** - don't miss your chance to apply. [APPLY HERE](#)

IMPORTANT COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DATES:

- March 12: North Palouse Industry Fair at Liberty High School (11th and 12th)
- March 20: Paul Mitchell Tour (9th - 12th)
- March 24: College Planning Day at EWU (12th)
- March 30: WSU visit during lunch (12th)
- April 16: SAT School Day (11th)
- April 23: Spring ASVAB (10th-12th)



Upcoming Sports



2/18 - Districts at West Valley
 Girls vs. Reardan 6:30pm
 Boys vs. Colfax 8:00pm



2/13 & 2/14 - State Qualifier at Freeman GoFan Tickets Only - PURCHASE HERE



ATHLETICS AUCTION & Dinner Fundraiser

hosted by the Freeman Foundation

March 14th | 5:30pm
 Coeur d'Alene Casino & Resort

Join us for a fun evening featuring a social hour, silent & live auction and dinner to raise funds for officials fees, sports travel, equipment & more.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

\$60/PERSON
\$450/TABLE OF 8

Purchase a table & sit with friends for RESERVED SEATING. Individual tickets and couples will be OPEN SEATING.

How to get involved...

- ✓ Purchase tickets and attend - must be purchased ahead of time
- ✓ Donate & help procure items by February 15th
- ✓ Extend the fun and stay the night with our discounted room block - online at [CDA Casino Booking ID BKG481 Password 83454132](#)

If you have questions, would like to donate or volunteer please email khayek@freemansd.org

AUCTION WISH LIST

We are currently looking for donations for the auction. Below are some ideas. To donate, please submit this [online form](#).

Sports Links:




TICKETS & PASSES
 Sports & Concert Tickets, Box Seats, VIP Treatments, Theater Tickets



CRAFTED ITEMS
 Handmade items, woodworking, metal works, custom gifts



VACATIONS & EXCURSIONS
 Condos, Timeshare, VRBO, Golf weekends, wine tastings, active adventures, airline tickets, etc.



GIFT CARDS
 Gift cards to just about anywhere - restaurants, stores, salons, spas, movie theaters, etc.



HOSTED PARTIES
 Theme parties thrown by one or more families such as progressive dinners, holiday parties, children's parties, etc.



UNIQUE & RARE ITEMS
 Collectibles, sports memorabilia, sports equipment, collectibles

Questions? Please email khayek@freemansd.org



Daily Happenings & General Information

We understand that communication is key. Our primary form of communicating with you as parents/guardians is through this Friday Flyer each week. Here is some basic FHS details...

BELL SCHEDULES

 Every Friday

Regular Schedule		
1	8:15 -- 9:02	47 min
2	9:06 -- 9:53	47 min
SCOTTIE BREAK	9:53 -- 10:01	8 min
3	10:04 -- 10:51	47 min
4	10:55 -- 11:42	47 min
5	11:46 -- 12:33	47 min
LUNCH	12:33 -- 1:03	30 min
6	1:07 -- 1:54	47 min
7	1:58 -- 2:45	47 min

AM Activity Schedule		
1	8:15 -- 8:57	42 min
2	9:01 -- 9:43	42 min
SCOTTIE BREAK	9:43 -- 9:51	8 min
3	9:55 -- 10:37	42 min
4	10:41 -- 11:23	42 min
5	11:27 -- 12:09	42 min
ACTIVITY	12:13-12:43	30 min
LUNCH	12:43-1:13	30 min
6	1:17 -- 1:59	42 min
7	2:03 -- 2:45	42 min

Late Start Schedule		
1	10:15 -- 10:46	31 min
2	10:50 -- 11:21	31 min
3	11:25 -- 11:56	31 min
4	12:00 -- 12:31	31 min
LUNCH	12:31 -- 1:01	31 min
5	1:05 -1:36	30 min
6	1:40 -- 2:11	31 min
7	2:15 -- 2:45	30 min

ATTENDANCE LINE

Please email fhsoffice@freemansd.org or call our main phone line at 291-3721 if your student will be absent/tardy or leaving early on any given day. If we do not receive an email, note, or a call your student's absence will remain unexcused.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

We are operating under the standard National School Lunch guidelines, which means students pay for meals unless qualifying for Free/Reduced prices. The application is included in your online registration for returning students so please complete all forms ASAP. Instructions on how to apply [here](#).

SCOTTIE BREAK We offer Scottie Break at the High School. A light snack will be available for students to purchase from 9:53am - 10:01am. Cost: \$2.50

LUNCH - served at the High School in the MPR. Cost: \$3.90. Click image for menus.



ACTIVITY BUS

We have an Activity Bus that runs after sports M-F for the first two weeks of Middle School Sports Seasons and then M-Th the rest of the year. Bus departs at 5:25pm. Questions on more details, call the Transportation Department at 291-5555.

Student HIGHLIGHTS

▶▶  **PACE**
Partners Advancing Character Education

Students Of The Month



James Mackleit Brady Bowen Graycen Key Greta Van Gemert

January
Fairness

Treating people and ideas with justice and impartiality

Student HIGHLIGHTS

Academic
Students
Of The
Month



Melaina Malone *Jordyn Jonquet* *Garrett Peters* *Drew Greger*

Keep working hard and inspiring those around you—well done!

Student HIGHLIGHTS



15 FFA students attended last week's Spokane Ag Show. Students participated in a presentation by keynote speaker - Kelly Ditto. Kelly is a media creator, agricultural storyteller and the owner of DittoFilm Media, based in the Pacific Northwest. After the presentation students spent time touring the expo and communicating with local agricultural industries.

Student HIGHLIGHTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



sophomore

ZOIE HUESER

cheer

sponsored by
Freeman Athletic Booster Club



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



sophomore

MICAH OLSON

basketball

sponsored by
Freeman Athletic Booster Club



Student HIGHLIGHTS



FBLA Regionals

We had 39 students compete across 31 different events in the FBLA WA NE Regional Competition last Friday. Of our 39 competitors, 25 of them finished in the top 10 of their events, and 21 of those 25 qualified for state in at least one event - a special shout out goes to Avery Boswell, Nevaeh Eigenhuis, Emma Dreyer and Michael Valente for their 1st place regional victories! We are looking forward to the state competition coming up at the end of April! See the next page for a complete listing of students who finished in the top 10, along with those who qualified for state finishing in the top 6!



FBLA Regionals Results

<u>PLACE:</u>	<u>NAME(S):</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
<i>CHAMPION (1ST):</i>	Avery Boswell	Supply Chain Management
	Nevaeh Eigenhuis, Emma Dreyer, Michael Valente	Introduction to Business Presentation
	Emma Dreyer	Introduction to Public Speaking
2ND:		
3RD:	Briley Snyder	Agribusiness
	Avery Boswell	Event Planning
	Paige Lochmiller	Health Care Administration
	Kelsey Hollen	Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
	Grace Duncan	Introduction to Supply Chain Management
4TH:	Audrey Shaw	Introduction to Public Speaking
	Ava Aylward	Journalism
	Lila Kadzejs & Clara Dawe	Supply Chain Management
5TH:	Rylan Talley	Health Care Administration
	Lillian Curtis	Introduction to Business Concepts
	Lillian Curtis, Randi Crow, Grace Duncan	Introduction to Social Media Strategy
	Avery Berglund, Tansey Coyner, Logan Pecht	Graphic Design
	Emily Jensen	Introduction to Supply Chain Management
6TH:	Tansey Coyner	Human Resource Management
	Grace Duncan & Emily Jensen	Introduction to Business Presentation
	Lily Knight & Madi Brebner	Visual Design
7TH:	Eli Cotton	Data Science & AI
	Madi Brebner & Addy Putz	Event Planning
	Lillian Curtis & Randi Crow	Sports & Entertainment Management
8TH:	Emma Dreyer, Kelsey Hollen & Rilyn Ripke	Public Service Announcement
	John Mendenhall	Retail Management
9TH:	Clara Dawe	Agribusiness
	Michael Valente	Data Science & AI
	Lillian Curtis	Marketing
	Kelsey Hollen & Rilyn Ripke	Introduction to Social Media Strategy
	Ava Aylward & Maris Vernon	Social Media Strategies
	Logan Melin	Personal Finance
10TH:	Nevaeh Eigenhuis	Introduction to Business Communication